

MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE
69th session
Agenda item 1

ADOPTION OF AGENDA; REPORT ON CREDENTIALS

Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

Note by the Secretariat*

SUMMARY

<i>Executive Summary:</i>	This document provides information on action the Committee will be invited to take in relation to items on its agenda for the 69th session.
<i>Action to be Taken:</i>	As explained under each agenda item.
<i>Related documents:</i>	Reports of sub-committees and other documents as specified in the text.

1 Adoption of the agenda; report on credentials

MSC 69/1
MSC 69/1/1

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The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda (MSC 69/1). A provisional timetable intended to serve as a guide for the conduct of the session is set out at annex and indicates the working and drafting groups which are expected to be established.

Agenda item 3 (Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments) will be taken up by expanded sessions of the Committee in which States, which are not IMO Members but are Contracting Governments to SOLAS 74 and/or Parties to SAR 79, are also invited to participate. A drafting group is expected to be established to finalize the text of such amendments.

Member Governments, Contracting Governments to SOLAS 74 and Parties to SAR 79** wishing to participate should arrange for the submission of the credentials of their representatives not later than the opening day of the session. The Secretary-General will report on the credentials during the session.

2 Decisions of other IMO bodies

* Documents should be received by the Secretariat by 26 December 1997 (on new work programme items), by 13 February 1998 (if bulky or requiring action or decision), by 13 March 1998 (non-bulk documents) and by 27 March 1998 (all other documents).

MSC 69/2*	Secretariat
MSC 69/2/1*	Secretariat
MSC 69/2/2 and Add.1*	Secretariat
MSC 69/2/3 and Add.1*	Secretariat
MSC 69/2/4*	Secretariat
MSC 69/2/5*	Secretariat
MSC 69/2/6*	Secretariat
MSC 69/2/7 and Add.1*	Secretariat

The Committee will be informed of decisions of:

- .1 the twentieth session of the Assembly (MSC 69/2);
- .2 the 1997 SOLAS Conference on bulk carrier safety (MSC 69/2/1);
- .3 the seventy-eighth, nineteenth extraordinary and seventy-ninth sessions of the Council (MSC 69/2/2 and Add.1);
- .4 the fortieth and forty-first sessions of MEPC (MSC 69/2/3 and Add.1);
- .5 the outcome of the 1997 MARPOL Conference (MSC 69/2/4);
- .6 the forty-fourth session of the TC Committee (MSC 69/2/5);
- .7 the twenty-fifth session of the FAL Committee (MSC 69/2/6); and
- .8 the seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions of the LEG Committee (MSC 69/2/7 and Add.1),

and take action as appropriate.

3 Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments

Amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention

(All Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention are invited to participate)

MSC 69/3*	Secretariat
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The expanded Committee will be invited to consider for adoption draft amendments to the following chapters of the SOLAS Convention:

- .1 chapter II-1 - Construction - Subdivision and stability, machinery and electrical installations;
- .2 chapter IV - Radiocommunications;
- .3 chapter VI - Carriage of cargoes; and

* To be issued in due course.

.4 chapter VII - Carriage of dangerous goods.

These amendments, approved by MSC 68, are contained in document MSC 69/3 and have been circulated, in accordance with article VIII(b)(i) of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, by Circular letter No.1990 of 1 September 1997.

Amendments to the 1979 SAR Convention

(All Parties to the 1979 SAR Convention are invited to participate)

MSC 69/3/1*

Secretariat

The expanded Committee will be invited to consider for adoption draft amendments to the Annex of the SAR Convention approved by MSC 68.

These amendments are contained in document MSC 69/3/1 and have been circulated, in accordance with article III(2)(a) of the 1979 SAR Convention, by Circular letter No.1991 of September 1997.

4 Bulk liquids and gases

MSC 69/4*

BLG 2/15**

Secretariat

Sub-Committee

The Committee will be invited to consider the report of the second session of the Sub-Committee and take action as will be indicated in paragraph 2 of document MSC 69/4. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee's work programme was taken by MSC 68 and any additional relevant matters will be considered under agenda item 20.

5 Safety of navigation

MSC 69/5*

NAV 43/15

Secretariat

Sub-Committee

The Committee will be invited to consider the report of the forty-third session of the Sub-Committee and take action as will be indicated in paragraph 2 of document MSC 69/5. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee's work programme will be taken under agenda item 20.

The Committee will also be invited to endorse the Sub-Committee's recommendation that, in order that progress be made in the consideration of:

- .1 sea lanes in archipelagic waters; and
- .2 the Rules and Recommendations on Navigation in the Strait of Istanbul, Strait of Çanakkale and the Marmara Sea,

* To be issued in due course.

** Urgent matters emanating from BLG 2, including the Sub-Committee's proposals for its work programme, were considered by the Committee at its sixty-eighth session (MSC 68/23, section 11).

a working group on Ships' Routing be convened during the session (NAV 43/15, paragraphs 3.26 and 3.48 refer).

6 **Fire protection**

MSC 69/6*
FP 42/16

Secretariat
Sub-Committee

The Committee will be invited to consider the report of the forty-second session of the Sub-Committee and take action as will be indicated in paragraph 2 of document MSC 69/6. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee's work programme will be taken under agenda item 20.

7 **Training and watchkeeping**

MSC 69/7*
MSC 69/7/1*
STW 29/14

Secretariat
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Sub-Committee

The Committee will be invited to consider the report of the twenty-ninth session of the Sub-Committee and take action as will be indicated in paragraph 2 of document MSC 69/7. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee's work programme will be taken under agenda item 20.

The Committee will receive (MSC 69/7/1) a list of "competent persons" nominated by STCW Parties pursuant to section A-I/7 of the STCW Code and will be invited to take appropriate action.

8 **Stability, load lines and fishing vessels safety**

MSC 69/8*
SLF 41/18

Secretariat
Sub-Committee

The Committee will be invited to consider the report of the forty-first session of the Sub-Committee and take action as will be indicated in paragraph 2 of document MSC 69/8. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee's work programme will be taken under agenda item 20.

9 **Dangerous goods, solid cargoes and containers**

MSC 69/9*
DSC 3/15 Sub-Committee

Secretariat

The Committee will be invited to consider the report of the third session of the Sub-Committee and take action as will be indicated in paragraph 2 of document MSC 69/9, including the adoption of Amendment 29-98 to the IMDG Code; and the consideration of proposed amendments to SOLAS chapter VII to make the INF Code mandatory. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee's work programme will be taken under agenda item 20.

10 **Radiocommunications and search and rescue**

MSC 69/10*

Secretariat

* To be issued in due course.

COMSAR 3/14

Sub-Committee

The Committee will be invited to consider urgent matters emanating from the third session of the Sub-Committee and take action as will be indicated in paragraph 2 of document MSC 69/10. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee's work programme will be taken under agenda item 20.

11 Ship design and equipment

MSC 69/11*

Secretariat

DE 41/17

Sub-Committee

The Committee will be invited to consider urgent matters emanating from the forty-first session of the Sub-Committee and take action as will be indicated in paragraph 2 of document MSC 69/11. Action in respect of the Sub-Committee's work programme will be taken under agenda item 20.

12 Technical assistance sub-programme in maritime safety

MSC 69/12*

Secretariat

MSC 69/12/1*

Secretariat

The Committee will be informed of:

- .1 developments concerning safety-related technical co-operation activities supported by the Maritime Safety Division since the Committee's sixty-eighth session and any relevant future projects planned; and
- .2 developments in the IMO model course programme and any other TC-related matters the Secretariat will bring to its attention,

and will be invited to take action as appropriate.

13 Role of the human element in maritime casualties**

MSC 69/13

Secretariat/Joint MSC/MEPC Working Group

The Committee will be invited to consider:

- .1 the report (MSC 69/13) of the Joint MSC/MEPC Working Group on the Human Element on its joint meeting, during MSC 68, with the Joint MSC/MEPC Working Group on Formal Safety Assessment; and
- .2 any submissions by Governments and international organizations addressing human element issues,

* To be issued in due course.

** To accommodate the Working Group on Ships' Routeing, as explained above under agenda item 5, the Joint MSC/MEPC Working Groups on the Human Element and on FSA will again meet in a joint session.

and take action as appropriate.

14 Formal safety assessment*

MSC 69/13

Secretariat/Joint MSC/MEPC Working Group

MSC 69/14**

Report of the Correspondence Group

The Committee will be invited to consider the same report (MSC 69/13) as referred to above under agenda item 13 as well as the report (MSC 69/14) of the relevant correspondence group and take action as appropriate.

15 Matters related to the INF Code

MSC 69/15**

Secretariat

The Committee will be invited to consider matters related to the INF Code on the basis of any relevant decisions made by the twentieth session of the Assembly (MSC 69/15), recommendations by sub-committees and submissions by Governments and international organizations concerned and take action as appropriate.

16 Piracy and armed robbery against ships

MSC 69/16 and addenda**

Secretariat

Pursuant to the Committee's decision at its sixty-fifth session, piracy and armed robbery reports received thereafter are circulated as MSC circulars on a monthly and quarterly basis.

The Committee will be invited to consider a report providing a summary of piracy and armed robbery incidents reported to the Organization during 1997, with a regional analysis and such other relevant information (including information on activities undertaken intersessionally to combat such unlawful acts), as may be provided and take action as appropriate.

17 Implementation of instruments and related matters

MSC 69/17**

Secretariat

MSC 69/17/1**

Secretariat

The Committee will be invited to:

- .1 note information to be provided by the Secretariat on the status of conventions and other mandatory safety-related instruments;
- .2 consider a Secretariat document on uniform wording for referencing IMO instruments; and
- .3 take appropriate action on any relevant issues which may be brought to its attention.

* See footnote ** on page 5.

** To be issued in due course.

18 Relations with other organizations

MSC 69/18 and Add.1* Secretariat

The Committee will be informed of relevant decisions taken by the Council at its seventy-eighth and nineteenth extraordinary sessions and will be invited to consider applications for granting consultative status to international non-governmental organizations concerned.

Any further developments of significance concerning relations with other organizations, which are relevant to the work of the Committee, will be reported by the Secretariat.

19 Application of the Committee's Guidelines

The Committee will review the application of the Guidelines on the organization and method of its work, taking into account comments and proposals thereon as may be submitted by Governments.

20 Work programme

MSC 69/20 and addenda*
MSC 69/20/1

Secretariat
IMPA

The Committee will be invited to consider:

- .1 the work programme of the Committee and its sub-committees, on the basis of recommendations and proposals made by the sub-committees, Governments and international organizations (MSC 69/20 and addenda);
- .2 proposals by IMPA concerning maritime pilots' training (MSC 69/20/1); and
- .3 the approval of such intersessional meetings as may be proposed; and

will be informed of the date of its next session.

21 Any other business

MSC 69/21*

Secretariat/Consultant

The Committee will be invited to consider:

- .1 the report (MSC 69/21) of the IMO consultant on IACS quality system certification scheme;
- .2 a draft MSC circular on Guidelines for the application of safety standards to pusher tug-barge combinations; and
- .3 any other submission which may be made under this agenda item.

22 Report of the sixty-ninth session of the Committee

* To be issued in due course.

The draft report will be prepared by the Secretariat for consideration and adoption by the Committee.

ANNEX
PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Date	Item	Working and Drafting Groups*
Monday, 11 May	Opening of the session 1 Agenda; credentials 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies 3 Amendments to mandatory instruments 5 Safety of navigation 7 Training and watchkeeping 13 Human element in maritime casualties 14 Formal safety assessment	DG1 WG1 WG2 WG3 WG3
Tuesday, 12 May	18 Relations with other organizations 4 Bulk liquids and gases 6 Fire protection 8 Stability, load lines and fishing vessel safety 11 Ship design and equipment	WGs and DG
Wednesday, 13 May	9 Dangerous goods, solid cargoes and containers 10 Radiocommunications and search and rescue 12 Technical assistance 15 Matters related to the INF Code 16 Piracy and armed robbery	WGs and DG
Thursday, 14 May	17 Implementation of instruments 19 Application of the Committee's Guidelines 20 Work programme	WGs and DG
Friday, 15 May	20 Work programme (continued) 21 Any other business	WGs and DG
Monday, 18 May	Reports of Working and Drafting Groups	WGs and DG (as necessary)
Tuesday, 19 May	Adoption of amendments Reports of Working and Drafting Groups (continued)	WGs and DG (as necessary)
Wednesday, 20 May	22 Report of the Committee on its 69th session	

- * WG1 Working Group on ShipsRouteing
 WG2 Working Group on STCW matters
 WG3 Joint MSC/MEPC Working Group on the Human Element and on Formal Safety Assessment
 DG1 Drafting Group on Amendments to Mandatory Instruments
 [DG2 (to be decided during the session)]
